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HOUSE BILL NO. 924

BY REPRESENTATIVES COUSSAN, ABRAHAM, AMEDEE, BAGNERIS, BARRAS, BERTHELOT, BISHOP, TERRY BROWN, CARMODY, ROBBY CARTER, COX, DAVIS, DWIGHT, FALCONER, FOIL, GAROFALO, GUINN, JIMMY HARRIS, LANCE HARRIS, HAZEL, HENRY, HENSGENS, HILFERTY, HORTON, HOWARD, HUNTER, HUVAL, JAMES, MIKE JOHNSON, LEGER, LYONS, MAGEE, MIGUEZ, JIM MORRIS, PIERRE, PYLANT, REYNOLDS, SCHEXNAYDER, SEABAUGH, SMITH, STOKES, THIBAUT, WHITE, AND ZERINGUE AND SENATORS BROWN, HEWITT, AND LONG

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:463.188 and 463.189, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to provide for the establishment of the Louisiana The Energy State special prestige license plate; to provide for the establishment of a special prestige license plate for a member of congress; to provide for creation, issuance, and design of such license plates; to provide relative to the fee and distribution of fees for such plates; to authorize the promulgation of rules and regulations relative to the creation and implementation of a special prestige license plate; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 47:463.188 and 463.189 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§463.188. Special prestige license plates; "Louisiana The Energy State"

A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the "Louisiana The Energy State" plate, provided there is a minimum of one thousand applicants for such plates. The license plates shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans.

1           B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the Louisiana Oil and Gas  
2           Association to select the color and design of the plate, provided it is in compliance  
3           with R.S. 47:463(A)(3).

4           C. The special prestige license plate shall be issued, upon application, to any  
5           citizen of Louisiana in the same manner as any other motor vehicle license plate.

6           D. The department shall collect an annual royalty fee of twenty-five dollars  
7           that shall be disbursed in accordance with Subsection E of this Section. This fee  
8           shall be in addition to the standard motor vehicle license tax imposed by Article VII,  
9           Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana, and a handling fee of three dollars and  
10          fifty cents for each plate to be retained by the department to offset a portion of  
11          administrative costs.

12          E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded  
13          to the treasurer for deposit into the Oilfield Site Restoration Fund created by the  
14          provisions of R.S. 30:86.

15          F. The secretary shall adopt rules and regulations as are necessary to  
16          implement the provisions of this Section.

17          §463.189. Special prestige license plate; member of congress

18          A. Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 47:463(A)(3)(b), the secretary of  
19          the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall establish a special prestige  
20          license plate for motor vehicles, restricted to passenger cars, pickup trucks,  
21          motorcycles, recreational vehicles, and vans, which may be issued upon application  
22          of any Louisiana member of congress.

23          B. The charge for this special prestige license plate shall be a one-time fee  
24          of twenty-five dollars for each plate, which shall be in addition to the standard motor  
25          vehicle license tax imposed by Article VII, Section 5 of the Constitution of  
26          Louisiana, and a handling fee of three dollars and fifty cents for each plate to be  
27          retained by the department to offset a portion of administrative costs.

28          C. The secretary shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to  
29          implement the provisions of this Section, including rules and regulations governing

1           the transfer and disposition of the license plates upon the death of the recipient and  
2           governing the design of the plate.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_